

2 August, 1966

Dr. Ann S. Robertson
Hunterian Library
University of Glasgow
Glasgow, Scotland

Dear Dr. Robertson:

When I was in Glasgow, this summer, I telephoned you to ask you what early American coins were in the collection of William Hunter. You were on a dig and I spoke to Mr. MacKye.

The Anglo-American coins in which I am interested are the Massachusetts silver, the Lord Baltimore coinage, the Elephant Tokens, the Rosa Americana coinage, the Virginia coinage, and the Continental Currency coinage.

The research I am doing is to assemble the information on eighteenth century collectors and what they held in the Anglo-American field. Is it possible you can give me a copy of the inventory as to the Anglo-American items which William Hunter might have gathered?

I customarily write books and articles on American numismatics, as a hobby, and would appreciate your helpfulness. Since only a few coins are involved, I hope it will not inconvenience you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN
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U.S.A.

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2 August, 1966

Miss Elizabeth J.E. Pirie
City Museum
Leeds, England

Dear Miss Pirie:

As a hobby, I write books and articles on American coinage and when I saw Michael Dolley, this summer, in Ireland, he suggested that I write you with respect to Anglo-American coins originally in the collection of William Eyre which, apparently, is known as the Winchester Cathedral Library Collection and which, apparently, came to you from the University of Leeds.

I am gathering an inventory of eighteenth century collections in so far as they relate to American coins. Apparently the collection in question was assembled prior to 1764 and may have included a number of Anglo-American pieces, principally Massachusetts silver, Lord Baltimore coinage, Elephant Token coinage, Rosa Americana coinage and, perhaps, some tokens.

I am certainly familiar with your work on coinage of the British Isles and hope that it is a simple matter for you to assemble this information for me.

It may become desirable for me to have photographs of the pieces in question but first I would like to know which ones may have been included in the collection.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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CITY MUSEUM
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
~~RAAB ROAD~~

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Tel.: Leeds ~~22033X~~ 30151/2

19th August, 1966.

EJEP/AR.

E.P. Newman, Esq.,
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Missouri 63178,
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Newman,

I must apologise for having delayed answering your letter about the Eyre collection of coins.

This in fact came from Winchester to the University of Leeds and has not since passed into the keeping of the Museum!

I do, however, receive quite a number of queries such as yours and on each occasion I must contact my colleague at the University who arranges for me to have access to the collection.

To do this this month is somewhat difficult because of the vacation period. However, I promise you that I shall attend to the matter as soon as I can, and write to you again.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Pirie

Keeper of Archaeology.

FROM
THE HUNTERIAN MUSEUM



THE UNIVERSITY,
GLASGOW, W.2
TEL. KELVIN 2231.

September 30, 1966

Eric P. Newman,
P.O. Box 14020
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Missouri
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Newman,

I am sorry that I missed you on your visit to Glasgow during the summer, and I also regret that you have had to wait so long for a reply to your inquiry. This was only partly due to my being away on fieldwork; another reason was that your inquiry has caused some little embarrassment.

Enclosed is the only entry relating to early American coinage in the manuscript catalogue made of William Hunter's collection at about the time of his death in 1783. However, there is no trace now of the coins with the head of Lord Baltimore. There is no way of telling how long ago it was when these coins were lost from the collections. It may even have been before they came from London to Glasgow in 1807. If by any remote chance they should turn up in an unexpected corner, I will of course let you know.

There are, on the other hand, in the Hunter Coin Cabinet, now, and believed to be from William Hunter's own collection

10	Massachusetts silver	twelvepenny pieces,	dated 1652
1	"	sixpenny	" , " "
1	"	threepenny	" , dated 1652.

and also

3	Rosa Americana	copper	, dated 1722
4	Rosa Americana	copper,	dated 1723
1	"	"	" , undated
1	"	"	" , silvered, dated 1723.

I hope that this information will be of use to you

Yours sincerely

Anne S. Robertson

Charles the Second.

New England.

1652

Shilling

6 pence

4 pence

3 pence

2 pence

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Baltimore

With the Head of Lord Baltimore

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LEEDS CITY MUSEUMS

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CITY MUSEUM,
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ABBAY HOUSE MUSEUM,
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CITY MUSEUM,
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS,
LEEDS, 1.

12th October, 1966.

EJEP/AR.

Eric P. Newman, Esq.,
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U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Newman,

I have at last had a chance of examining the Leeds University Coin Collection, for their specimens of the series you mentioned: Massachusetts silver, Lord Baltimore coinage, Elephant Token coinage, Rose Americana coinage, and tokens.

Only the first of these, the Massachusetts silver, is represented, by the following pieces:

Pine Tree shillings of 1652; 3 specimens on large flans, 1 on a smaller flan.
Pine Tree sixpence of 1652; 1 specimen
Pine Tree threepences of 1652; 2 specimens.

There are no examples of any of the other series.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Pirie

Keeper of Archaeology.

31 October, 1966

Miss Anne S. Robertson
The Hunterian Museum
The University
Glasgow, W 2, Scotland

Dear Miss Robertson:

Thank you for your nice letter of September 30, 1966 giving me the information I requested in the William Hunter Collection.

You need not be embarrassed because a few of the coins are misplaced as many museums in America have been burglarized. I hope you locate the Lord Baltimore pieces.

As to the inventory of New England pieces dated 1652, the manuscript catalogue is obviously in error. There is no such thing as a fourpence and there is no such thing as a twopence dated 1652. The twopence piece which he apparently owned is dated 1662 and is among the missing.

I would like to have a photograph of the twelve pieces of Massachusetts silver which you seem to have, obverse and reverse. If plaster casts are easier for you, that would be just as satisfactory. It is very important to have the details on the varieties which were known in 1783 as certain varieties which appeared in the nineteenth century are, apparently, forgeries. Naturally, I will be glad to reimburse you for any expense in taking the pictures, etc.

I would also like to know the denomination of the Rosa Americana copper pieces which you list. The undated piece is the twopence. The penny is substantially smaller than the modern English penny. The halfpence is the next smaller size.

Yesterday I was in a cave, the entrance of which is a vaulted arch of about eighty feet across and in which the earliest American Indians lived 10,000 years ago. It has substantially filled up with earth which blew in following the glacial period. The University of Missouri Archaeological Department is going to take charge of the digging. We are hoping it will yield interesting material as we know so little about the nomadic Indians who lived in this area before modern times.

Thank you for your helpfulness.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman
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U.S.A.

Hunterian Museum,
The University,
Glasgow, W.2.

November 7, 1966

Eric P. Newman,
P.O. Box 14020
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U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Thank you very much for your interesting letter. We shall send photographs of the twelve pieces of Massachusetts (New England) silver in a few weeks' time. We have a number of other commitments to clear up first.

The Rosa Americana pieces are as follows:

Undated	Twopence
1722	Halfpenny (2 examples)
	Farthing (?)
1723	Penny
	Halfpenny (2 examples)
	Farthing
	Farthing, (silvered) Pattern(?)

I hope this information is what you want.

Your cave excavations sound most thrilling. American Indians of 10,000 years ago, take one back well into prehistoric times. Please accept my best wishes for the progress of your University's work there.

Yours sincerely

Anne S. Robertson.

THE HUNTERIAN MUSEUM



THE UNIVERSITY
GLASGOW, W.2

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FROM
DR. ANNE ROBERTSON
KEEPER OF THE CULTURAL COLLECTIONS,
AND OF THE HUNTER COIN CABINET

December 29, 1966

Eric P. Newman,
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Dear Mr Newman,

I now have pleasure in sending you prints of the twelve pieces of Massachusetts (New England) silver in the Hunter Coin Cabinet, for which you asked. We have included several prints, so that you will be able to select the best pair of prints for each coin.

Will you please let me know, in due course, if the prints arrive safely?

With all good wishes for 1967

Yours sincerely

Anne S. Robertson

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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January 24, 1967

Dr. Anne Robertson
Keeper of the Cultural Collections,
and of the Hunter Coin Cabinet
The Hunterian Museum
The University
Glasgow, W.2, Scotland

Dear Dr. Robertson:

Thank you, very much, for the prints of the
Massachusetts silver in the Hunterian collection.

I am returning one print of each group with
identifications in accordance with the monographs
on the subject written by Sidney Noe and published
by the American Numismatic Society. I hope this might
be helpful.

Is it possible that you might be in attendance
at the International Numismatic Congress, in Copenhagen,
in August, as I plan to attend.

Your cooperation with respect to my request
is most appreciated and if there is anything, numis-
matically, I can do for you, please do not hesitate
to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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~~The~~ Marmaduke Trattle Collection Sale May 30, 1832
plus 9 days June 18 plus 8 days. by Sathby

2692 " 2 for Dollars, in penier, struck
during the American War, 1776

1505 Carolina Elephant Token
God Preserve New England 1694 rare
Arms of London
London God Preserve
James II 1/2 & 1/4 real
Virginia 1/2 of Geo III 1773 proof
Pattern for Kentucky

1506 George II 1733 Rosa Americana vif
from the Bostle Collection; another was sold
in the Hall's collection.

~~# 1267~~

1268 N.E. shilling
4 New England shillings (four different)
6d, 3d, 2d,

1269 Baltimore shilling sixpence & groat

1273 George III Virginia 1774 silver
fine and rare



Museum Thoresbyanum

A

Catalogue of the genuine and valuable
collection of the well-known Antiquary
the late Ralph Thoresby, Gent. F.R.S.
Author of *Duacatus Leodienensis*

Sold ~~at~~ by auction by Wilkinson Bristow
Chancery Cross Mar 5, 1764

#195 A rare Siege Crown and Shilling N.E.
vide D.L. No 360 and 380

#201 Lord Baltimore's Shilling (A Proof Six-Pence
in Copper) and 3 New England shillings, a
Six Pence and ~~3~~ three-pence vide D.L. 441-3-4-5-6.

Sorby's Sale



May 14, 1817 etc

Collection of
Thomas Hollis ~~Collection~~ (1720-1774) 1817

Thomas Brand Hollis ~~Collection~~

Copper

129 Cans struck in our East Indies Settlements,
America, Isle of Man etc.

130 James II Pewter penny - George 1st Halfpenny, Britannia
looking behind her at a Rock, The Hay before, 1722 -
Scarce and various Scotch & Irish coins.

Silver Medals of the American Republic

191 On establishing their Independence etc

192 Others relating to the same occasion

Foreign Medals in Copper

270 General Washington, Franklin, Linnaeus; one on the
liberty of America, 4th July 1776; and one on the Social
Club being instituted in Charles Town, South
Carolina, 1763.

439 New England Shilling and Sixpence on one side
N.E. ~~on~~ on the other, XII and VI. very rare -
Massachusetts Shillings, 4 - Sixpence, 1 -
threepences, 2 - Two pences, 3.

440 Lord Baltimore's Shilling, Sixpence and Great
Head in Profile, inscribed "Caecilius Dns. Teneae
Mariae"; reverse his arms crowned, between the values
XII, VI. IV. No. 19, 20 and 21 scarce

441 Sommer Islands, obverse, a Hay on it the figure
XII., reverse a Ship No. 22. Engraved by
Snelling from this piece, considered as unique.

512 George I a Pattern for an Irish Halfpenny. Head.
Reverse, Hibernia, 1724; a Proof in copper of ~~the~~ his
American halfpenny; his Halfpenny as P. 7, N. 21
damasked.

513 Farthing, Hibernia, 1724. reverse same as Halfpenny.
(over)

George II his Head and Tittes, reverse a leafed
Rose, crowned, inscribed, Rosa Americana, 1733
"Vtile Dulce" see Snelling's View of ~~the~~ Coins struck
in our colonies abroad ~~etc~~ etc Plate 4 No. 28;
another of these pieces is in the Collection of Marmaduke
Trattle, Esq which belonged to Mr Edward Bootle, very
fine.

Auction by Mr. Langford
Covent Garden



Andrew Lawrence Collection Sold on ^{Apr. 7 + 8} 1762
(apothecary)

~~Second day~~
~~#157~~ #28 Baltimore Great Sixpence and Shilling (bought by Hall)

~~Second day~~
#27 Fine shillings, 1 sixpence, 1 threepence and 1 two pence
of Massachusetts in New England and a shilling
with N.E.

~~and~~ #7 George the Third's intended America money, ditto of
George II, 1733 very rare and a fine impression of the
head of the last, struck in iron, as a specimen of the
goodness of the metal. (13 pieces) bought by Carney

Solbeby Sale

James Bindley Collection Mar 3, 1819
~~Baltimore~~ ~~Penn~~

#601 A pattern for a coin for Kentucky
by Knuckeler

#882 Baltimore 12d 6d New England 12d 6d

#786 Baltimore Penny (described)
see Ruding Supplement Plate 7 No 12

Solbeby
Thomas Dinsdale

July 6, 1824

#1640 New England 12d (Plate III No 15 + 18)
6d (No 14)
3d No 13
2d No 12

#1641 New England
7 shillings, 1 sixpence, 4 threepence
2 twopence

#1642 Baltimore 6d and NE XI and a Mass 6d

#1820 Geo I for America 3 Pennies
1 Virgin 4 Halfpence
1 Bermuda 3 Farthings

#1821 Baltimore Penny ← (sold to Martin
then Martin sold
to Webster)
#1822 Sommer Relief X11

Sold by ~~Fate~~ Wilkinson and Hodge Sale May 20, 1874



Collection of Hugh Howard ~~Collection~~ (1675-1737)
"Formed by Hugh Howard at the Commencement of the
last century" (18th cent)

- #112 Massachusetts Pine Tree Shillings, 1652, 2, one fine; Pine Tree Threepence, 1652; Oak Tree Threepence; Oak Tree Threepence 1652; and Two pence 1662. £1 19
- #123 Maryland Shilling and Sixpence with head of Lord Baltimore*** both rare, the first priced £1 19
- #234 George I Wood's Halfpence and Farthings 1722, 1723 fine
- #245 James II "Plantation" Piece in tin; William III London Halfpenny ~~Halfpenny~~ LONDON. GOD. PRESERVE.; George I "Rosa Americana", Two pence, Penny and Halfpenny, full blown rose.



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#13

Oak #17

#36





Time 12d # 8

Pine 12/ # 1

Cat 12d #5

Wm. F. Gilman





h #1

osh #10

#1



#8

#1

#1